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## **Saudi Arabia**

### **Livestock and Products**

# **The Saudi Ministry of Commerce and Industry Lifts Ban on Imported Offals 2003**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Effective August 25, 2003, the Saudi Ministry of Commerce and Industry lifted the ban on imported offals imposed on August 30, 2001.**

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Effective August 25, 2003, the Saudi Ministry of Commerce (MOC) lifted the ban on imported offals imposed on August 30, 2001. According to ATO contacts, the Ministry's resolution reflects the new Minister of Commerce's decision to further diversify sources of imported meats. Also, local meat importers, the U.S. meat industry, and the ATO office regularly lobbied the MOC for the lifting of the ban.

It is important for USDA/W to resume issuing export certificates for offals exported to Saudi Arabia and to advise U.S. offal exporters of the new Ministerial resolution.

The English translation of the main parts of Ministerial resolution 1308 are as follows:

**"Firstly:** Allow the importing of complete carcass (with spinal cord) of sheep and goats from uninfected countries. Carcass shall be of no head, extremities and kidney fats.

**Secondly:** Amendment of paragraph 8 of the general controls and conditions applied to imports of meat and meat products to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia prescribed by resolution # 123 of 16/1/1422H (1/1/2002G) to read as follows: " shipments of carcass shall be free of internal offal, kidney fats, heads and extremities, except a small part of the tail to identify the kind of the carcass."

**Thirdly:** Allow the importing animal offal (sheep, goat, cattle, camel and buffalo) from uninfected countries, provided that all hygienic and health conditions and controls of resolution # 123 of 16/1/1422H (1/1/2002G) shall be strictly followed, together with application of the Saudi Arabian standard # 1144 of 1996 on (cooled and frozen organs & offal of sheep, goat, cattle, camel and buffalo), and provided that they are shipped separately in containers other than that of meat. Such shipments shall be provided with hygienic and health certificates issued by the competent authorities at exporter's country confirming that all products all of healthy animals, under veterinary inspection at slaughterhouses prior and after slaughtering. These certificates shall be duly authenticated by the Saudi Embassy at the country of export.

**Fourthly:** Technical Affairs Agency of the ministry shall follow application of this resolution and inform all concerned parties to work accordingly."

A complete translation of the resolution can be obtained from ATO/Riyadh or from Melinda Meador, FAS/ITP.